

Hanover Insurance Academy of the Arts

About

The Hanover Insurance Academy of the Arts is a partnership between the Worcester Public Schools (WPS) and Hanover Insurance Company. This collaborative partnership is designed to provide opportunities for students to benefit from an education that is integrated in the visual and media arts, dance, music, theater and exposes them to a variety of cultural experiences.

Program Description

The Hanover Insurance Academy for the Arts is a 7th -12th grade arts infused program designed for gifted and talented students in the City of Worcester located on the Burncoat Campus. The program is designed to support students in developing a strong academic foundation which will enable them to be strategic thinkers, complex problem solvers, effective communicators, creative collaborators and active contributing members in the community. As part of their core program, students participate in rigorous courses embedded in the arts and service learning. In addition, students have the opportunity to choose two art magnet focuses. Students demonstrate mastery of concepts and content through a variety of performances and interdisciplinary projects.

Academy Offerings

Service Learning

- Instruction will be integrated with meaningful community service opportunities to enrich students' learning experiences and teach civic responsibility. Through working with diverse members of the community, students will enhance their group, organizational and interpersonal skills.

Enrichment Opportunities

- Students will be provided with ongoing opportunities to:
 - participate in the theater and explore behind the scenes activities that go into a production
 - engage in master classes with visiting artists
 - learn the science and history behind the arts
 - explore various career pathways
 - extend learning through collaborations with cultural and educational institutions

Middle School Course of Study

Grade 7	Grade 8
Pre-Algebra	Algebra
English Composition & Literature I	English Composition & Literature II
The Development of Early Civilizations	World History and Culture
Science Engineering & Technology I	Science Engineering & Technology II
Advanced Seminar	Spanish I
Physical and Health Education	Physical Education
Choice of 2 Art Electives (dance, music, visual arts, media arts, or theater)	Choice of 2 Art Electives (dance, music, visual arts, media arts, or theater)

Acceptance Criteria

Qualified applicants are those with Advanced/Proficient scores in 5th grade State Assessments for Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science. All qualified applicants will participate in a tiered selection process.

State Assessment Scores	Tier
Three Advanced	1
Two Advanced One Proficient	2
One Advanced Two Proficient	3
A lottery process will be held when there are more applicants than available placements	

Applications Forms are available

- Main offices at Burncoat Middle School and each WPS Elementary School
- WPS Website